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INFO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 12122

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, RP

SUBJECT: M-16 RIFLE DELIVERIES TO PHILIPPINES

REF: MANILA 11994

1. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM JUSMAG VISITED ARMED FORCES OF PHILIPPINES LOGISTICS CENTER OCTOBER 7, 1974 TO LOOK OVER NUMBER OF MAP-PROVIDED WEAPONS WHICH HAD ARRIVED DURING PREVIOUS WEEK. DURING VISIT IT WAS NOTED THAT LOGISTICS CENTER HAD 10,060 M-16 RIFLES ON HAND, WHICH WERE NOT FURNISHED EITHER BY MAP OR AS FMS CASE.

2. WHEN INQUIRY WAS MADE REGARDING SOURCE OF WEAPONS, IT WAS DISCLOSED THAT 7,560 WEAPONS WERE PRODUCED IN SINGAPORE UNDER COLT LICENSE. THIS WAS STAMPED ON THE BARRELS OF EACH WEAPON. RIFLES WERE SAID BY LOGISTICS CENTER SOURCE TO BE A PORTION OF TOTAL PURCHASE OF 16,000-18,000 WEAPONS AFP INTENDS TO OBTAIN FROM SINGAPORE COLT PLANT.

3. THE REMAINING WEAPONS (2,500) WERE RECEIVED FROM COLT INDUSTRIES IN THE U.S. THESE RIFLES ARE PART OF THE PLANNED 10,000 RIFLE PURCHASE COVERED WITH COLT UNDER M-16 COPRODUCTION AGREEMENT. THE REMAINDER OF U.S. PRODUCED RIFLES ARE SAID TO BE SCHEDULED FOR
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DELIVERY IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1974.

4. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: NEITHER EMBASSY NOR JUSMAG HAS ANY RECORD OF A REQUEST OR AN AUTHORIZATION TO SUPPLY M-16'S EITHER IN WHOLE OR IN PART PRODUCED IN SINGAPORE UNDER THE AGREEMENT WITH COLT. IN VIEW OF VERY SENSITIVE ISSUE EXPORT RIGHTS PRESENTED IN NEGOTIATIONS RP/COLT CONTRACT, AND IN VIEW OF EXPORT LIMITATION WE PRESUME ALSO EXISTS IN COLT/SINGAPORE CONTRACT, WE NEED COMPLETEST POSSIBLE EXPLANATION OF HOW TRANSACTION CAME ABOUT. REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT MC AND SINGAPORE SHED ANY LIGHT AVAILABLE ON THIS DEAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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